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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, YE, YS, SA

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO SOUTH YEMEN

- 1. YAR FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ AND HIS ADENI COLLEAGUE YAR MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT MUHAMMAD SALIM AL-BASINDWA LEFT SANA ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, TO VISIT JIDDA. TRIP HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED LOCALLY BUT ASNAJ TOLD EMBASSY THAT HE EXPECTED TO MAKE THE TRIP.
- 2. INTERESTING POINT IS THAT ASNAJ IS APPARENTLY GOING TO JIDDA AT SAME TIME THAT SAUDIS HAVE SUMMONED OTHER FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-PDRY EXILE GROUP CALLED THE UNITED FRONT, INCLUDING MUHAMMAD SALIM ALI, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRONT, AND UTHMAN ASHAAL WHO WAS ONE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS PRIME MILITARY LEQDERS ALONG WITH MUHAMMAD SALIH SABAA.

3. ACCORDINT TO ONE SOURCE, FORMER HEAD OF UNITED FRONT, ABDAL QAUI MAQAWI, HAS BEEN SUMMONED FROM CAIRO TO JIDDA.

COMMENT: SAUDI INTEREST IN UNITED FRONT HAD STEADILY DECLINED OVER THE LAST YEAR WITH CUTS IN PAYMENTS FOR ITS ERSATZ MILITARY UNITS AS WELL AS VIRTUAL END TO ALL SUBSIDIZED POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY THIS GROUP. WE DO NOT KNOW IF FURIOUS SAUDI REACTION TO PDRY ACCUSATIONS OF ROLE OF KINGDOM IN HAMDI ASSASSINATION WILL LEAD TO RENEWED SPONSORSHIP OF UNITED FRONT ACTIVITY AGAINST PDRY. THIS ACTIVITY WAS OF COURSE ONE OF CHIEF REASONS FOR 1972-74 BORDER WAR IN SOUTHERN PARTS OF YAR. SCOTES

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